

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
January 5, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at the Jasper Arts Center. Roll call was held with the following **Commission**

**Members Present:** Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Greg Stoner, Norma Kreilein, Gary Moeller, Sherry Monesmith, Kendall Martin and Pat Thyen. **Commission Members Absent:** Mickey Seger, Don Weisheit and Nanette Parsons. **Staff Members Present:** Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Amy Laakman, Donna Schepers, Karen Grewe, Dalesse Bowles. **Regional Services Coordinator:** Lisa McSpadden. **City Attorney:** Sandy Hemmerlein. **Guests in attendance:** Butch Schitter, City Council, Stacey Coates, Kennedy Center Artist, and Herald Reporter Kasey Hawrysz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Election of officers:** Kendall reported for the nominating committee that the current officers agreed to stay on for another term: Mike Jones as President, Robin Norris as Vice-President and Don Weisheit as Secretary. This is the slate the nominating committee is recommending. Mike Jones called for additional nominations. No additional nominations were received. **Pat Thyen** moved to close the nominations. **Greg Stoner** seconded. Motion passed 8-0. All voted in favor of the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee. Board approved slate of officers.

Mike introduced two new board members Sherry Monesmith and Gary Moeller. Board members, staff and guests introduced themselves to the new board members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Pat Thyen** moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**City Financial Statement**

Following a brief discussion regarding the price of the track lights purchased from Weyer electric for the gallery, **Kendall Martin** moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Greg Stoner** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Director's Report/Performing Arts**

Kit reported.

- Year End Report was handed out to the board members highlighting some of last year's events. Ticket sales are going up again after a dip last year due to the economy. Chalk Walk continues to grow.
- Kit reported we were under budget. We have not received our funding from the State yet, so our grant line is about \$45,000 under budget. Donations are only slightly lower than what we budgeted. Donations to the building fund are up. We supported 47% of our budget ourselves. This could have been as high as 53% or 54% if state funding had been received by year end.
- The Internet is expanding things for us. People contact us more through the Internet, and people follow their favorite artists on *YouTube* and similar web sites and call us. We have more 'hits' on our website; forms and applications are available on our website which people are accessing.

**Building and Structure Report**

Doreen reported.

- Doreen gave a brief recap of the sound system project for the new board members. She reported most of the cable has been run for the new sound system. Manufacturer is saying it will still be

the middle of the month for the speakers to arrive. The other speakers are still in place as a backup.

- She reported she is investigating options for improvements to the Arts Center and the satellite building to utilize the space to the fullest.

### **Education Report**

Donna reported.

- Donna introduced Stacey Coates. She is providing workshops today and tomorrow in the schools as part of the Kennedy Center partnership. Coates is an educational dramatic consultant. She is offering workshops on team building and tolerance through drama. Stacey gave the board a brief synopsis of her workshops.
- Donna reported Al Simmons will be coming later in January for our Family Fun Series. He will also do two performances for kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades on January 29 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. These performances will be at The Arts Center so we will need volunteers.

### **Visual Arts Report**

Amy reported.

- Artist Studio Sale held at the Train Depot was well attended. The artists were glad they exhibited. The public seemed very pleased with the quality of work.
- Amy thanked Dalesse for stepping in when Amy was sick during the Visual Arts /Volunteer Reception.
- The University of Southern Indiana Faculty exhibit is up. She is going to encourage young people to come to see there are working artists and many styles of art. She also encouraged the board to invite any youth they know to view the exhibit.
- Workshops are coming up in February. We are continuing the painting classes. Absolute beginners and advanced painting classes went well. The clay classes have been very popular. A jewelry class will also be held. A new class, edible art for preschool, will be offered.
- Upcoming exhibits are Barbara Cade in February, who is a felt and textile artist. March is youth art month, featuring middle school and high school students.

### **Project Coordinator Report**

Dalesse reported.

- She has met with Kit regarding marketing needs and with Doreen regarding technical needs for the upcoming months.
- She is gearing up for Chalk Walk which is May 1. The rain date is May 8. She has been involved with the event for 3 years as a volunteer. Mike volunteered to oversee the food vendors committee. She needs a volunteer to oversee the Arts Market. She asked for volunteers and to get the word out to anyone the board feels may be interested in volunteering.

### **Region 11 Report**

Lisa reported.

- She attended the Regional Arts Partners meeting in Indianapolis with Kit.
- She is re-establishing Region 11 Coordinator activity by assisting artists with individual art program applications, monthly Arts Update (e-zine), return of the INteract meetings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.
- She has scheduled workshops. The first two, being held in conjunction with the INteract meetings, will focus on preparing for the 2011 grant cycle and budgeting for small organizations. Additional sessions will be scheduled through April.

### **Old Business**

- Mike again passed around a sign-up sheet for board members to attend the monthly City Council meetings. The City Council meetings are the Wednesday after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. The Board members attend just as a presence and sometimes give an update on the events of the Arts Commission.

- Mike reminded the board members to report back to their appointing groups at least 2 times per year.
- New Board member information sheet was passed out. Please check information for accuracy and report any corrections to Karen.
- Mike welcomed Gary and Sherry to the Board and invited them to join any of the committees and to attend any meetings and events.

### **New Business**

- Kit informed the board this year is our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our establishment. She has been gathering ideas from staff and would like to form a committee at the next meeting and get some ideas from the board to celebrate during the 2010/2011 season.
- Donna and Kit are leaving for New York for APAP later this week.
- Kuttner String Quartet and Al Simmons are events coming up later this month. Al Simmons performance for the schools will be different from the Family Fun Series public performance at the Arts Center.
- Project will be coming up the week after. Then Cherry Holmes follows in March.

### **Adjournment**

**Pat Thyen** moved to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. **Mike Jones** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

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**Mike Jones**

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**Attested**